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Goodbye to China — Hello to Rapid, Vienna

Blunt got it!

We have barely said goodbye to the South China team—and a fine bunch of Soccer players they were—when we must say hello to the Rapid team from Vienna.

On behalf of all Soccer players and supporters in Victoria, "Soccer News" wishes them an enjoyable and successful stay here in Melbourne.

We shall see plenty of them in three games—Wednesday against Victoria, Saturday against Australia, and again on Sunday against Victoria a second time.

We know by their record in N.S.W. that they are a formidable combination, that they play entertaining as well as match-winning Soccer. But we are more than ready to be beaten if it means a good game, and Victoria will certainly do its best, no matter what the odds.

We wish the Viennese boys better luck with the weather than was granted the Chinese. It would be hypocrisy to wish them bigger and better wins, although we will not be surprised if they get them.

We hope they find their stay in Melbourne as pleasant, or more so, than in N.S.W. We will certainly enjoy having them here.

You Can Book Test Seats

You can now book your seats to see the Test against Rapid (Austria), at the Showgrounds on Saturday.

Booking has opened at the Melbourne Sports Depot, Elizabeth Street, for 2,000 seats in the main stand. The price is 7/6, but they are selling quickly, so be early in to make sure of one.

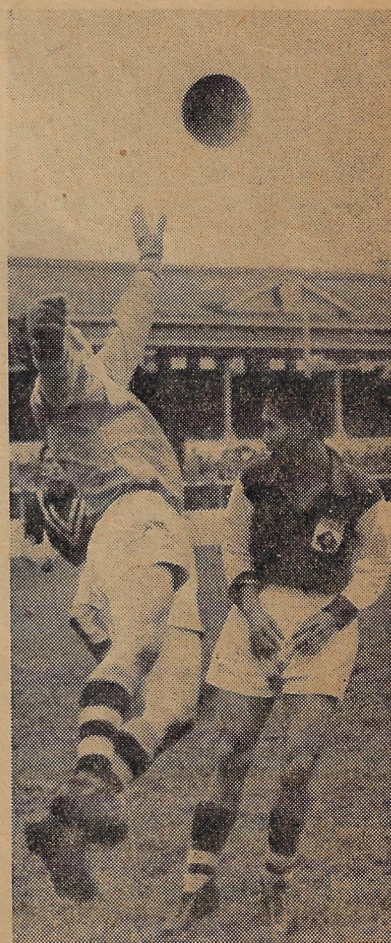
Referees for Rapid Games

Referees have been appointed for the International games against Rapid (Austria). They are:

Wednesday, Victoria v. Rapid, at St. Kilda oval: Ref., G. Gatt; linesmen, G. McCarthy and W. Curran.

Saturday, Australia v. Rapid (fourth Test), at the Showgrounds—Ref., F. Hutchison; linesmen, S. Cormack and J. Brown.

Sunday, Victoria v. Rapid, at St. Kilda oval: Ref., E. Hecht; Linesmen, J. Allen and P. McDonald.



This was one time when Blunt was too quick for Yiu Cheuk Yin, the South China inside left.

V.A.S.F.A. BULLETIN

Compiled weekly by the V.A.S.F.A.
Secretary, Stuart Beaton

OLYMPIC GAMES, 1956.

Information has been received from the Australian Soccer Football Association that the Federation Internationale Football Association has nominated the following persons to represent the Association in Melbourne: Mr. R. W. Seeldrayers (president), Mr. K. J. J. Lotsy (vice-president), Sir Stanley Rous (secretary of the F.A., London), and Mr. K. Gassman (general secretary, F.I.F.A.).

AUSTRIA-RAPID S.C.

The Austrian club will arrive in Melbourne on Sunday, July 24, at 12.25 p.m. (T.A.A., Essendon), and will depart on Monday, Aug. 1, at 1.20 p.m.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Queries have been received on the correctness of league tables published in "Soccer News." In several instances the score given by the referee has differed from the score telephoned by the clubs after completion of the game. In all instances the referee's score is accepted as being correct.

Clubs who wish to query their goal averages may do so by writing to the association secretary.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS.

Results of games played up to and including 17th July, 1955:

South China

- v. Victoria, July 13, 6—1.
- v. Australian XI, July 16, 5—3.
- v. Victoria, July 17, 5—3.

Austria-Rapid

- v. New South Wales, July 2, 7—1.
- v. Metropolis, July 6, 9—4.
- v. Australia, 1st Test, July 9, 6—2.
- v. New South Wales, July 10, 4—4.
- v. Northern Districts, July 13, 10—1.
- v. Australia, 2nd Test, July 16, 5—1.

Future matches: July 20, v. Queensland; July 23, v. Australia; Third Test, July 27, v. Victoria; July 30, v. Australia; Fourth Test, July 31, v. Victoria.

Blazers, Doubtful Honors

Is it an honour to wear an Australian blazer? It should be, yet there are so many of them about that it seems they are ten a penny.

The same can be said for the Victorian blazers.

In most organisations it is usual for the representative blazers, bearing the distinctive colours of the organisation, whether it be State or National, to be given only to those who have represented the State or nation on the field of play, and only to officials who travel with those teams overseas, or in Australia, probably inter-State.

At present Australian blazers are to be had almost for the asking. All you have to do is get yourself named as a reserve. Fourth or fifth reserve will do. You have no chance of risking disgrace on the field, because it is highly unlikely that four or five players will be carried off in any game.

There have been rumours this season about the handing out of blazers by naming players as reserves and then not playing them when the occasion arose. It has happened more than once. If those reserves were not intended to take the field in the event of an emergency, why were they named?

The managers also get blazers. For taking charge of a Victorian or Australian team for perhaps no more than one day they rate a green and gold (or blue in the case of Victoria) blazer.

In most other sports, to become manager is an honour keenly sought after, but not so generously rewarded. A manager who looks after a team at home receives a pocket to add to his existing blazer, be it State or only Club.

Why not in Soccer? By naming reserves and not playing them in several instances this year, and in the changing of teams, rightly or wrongly, forty players have qualified for Australian blazers this season alone. Many of them will already have them, whether earned or not. Others have become eligible even if they have never taken the field.

In England, blazers are hard to come by. Certain international games are not considered important enough for blazers to be issued. Some countries even demand that a player represents his country outside its borders before he qualifies for a blazer. Others demand that he play a given number of games, for the full 90 minutes, too.

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EDITOR.

What Would YOUR State Side Be?

Who do you think should be in the Victorian team this year?

Both before and after Victoria's two defeats by South China, names were bandied about in their dozens as "the best inside forward in Victoria" or "far better than so and so."

Others have been heatedly disrespectful in their running down of the selectors. "Club favourites" and "one-eyed," they are being called.

Picking a State side is not easy. Everyone knows that.

Just to show how difficult it is, "Soccer News" invites you, all of you, to write down your own selections and send them in.

Make out your list this way:

List on a sheet of paper, from top to bottom, the positions on the field, starting with the goalkeeper, right back, left back, right half, centre-half, and so on.

Then against each position put ONE name, that of the player you think should fill that position in a State side.

At the bottom you may add any comments you like about the training of the State team, who should do it, how long for, and who should be the organiser of the State training squad, which everyone agrees must exist.

"Soccer News" will sort these letters through, analyse them, and print the results next week, together with any interesting comments, including those from the present selectors, and coach Len Young.

But remember, every letter must be signed. "Soccer News" will take no notice of letters which do not carry the writer's name, and that of his club, if he is a member or follower of one.

A L L LETTERS SHOULD REACH THE EDITOR, 41 PARK ST., SOUTH YARRA, NOT LATER THAN TUESDAY MORNING'S MAIL—Post them tomorrow (Sunday), if you can.

North African teams were allowed to enter in the French cup ties for the first time this year. All their matches were played in Morocco, Algiers or Tunis, and the travelling expenses of the French teams were met by the French F.A.

TUNE IN

Don't forget to listen to Soccer's two sessions on the air:

FRIDAYS, 6.00-6.15, at 3KZ for interviews, news and last-minute information;

SATURDAYS, 7.15-7.35, at 3XY

for news and results of all Saturday's games.



Jimmy Moore, from N.S.W. (left), looks on anxiously as Blunt, Whittingham and Chu Wing Keung go for the ball in the international at the Showgrounds on Saturday. Who eventually got it?—Moore, and he cleared it, too.

"Rapid" Tourist:

Something about the AUSTRIANS

ZEMAN WALTER (goalkeeper): Born in Vienna in 1927. At the age of 17 he played in Rapid's first team. Zeman is one of the most reliable players in the Austrian national team and is famous for quick reactions and jumping power. His brilliant performances in the matches, Austria-Scotland and Austria-Hungary earned him the nickname of "Panther of Glasgow" and "Tiger of Budapest." Zeman, who up to date has played 47 times in the Austrian team, was also a member of the F.I.F.A. team and the Austrian team which played in the World Championship in Berne, Switzerland.

PFLUG DIETER (goalkeeper): Born 1934, a student. Played 12 times in the Austrian youth team, of which he is one of the most prominent members. He is a very promising keeper, with a great future.

GERNHARDT LEOPOLD (back, half-back, forward). Born 1920, in Vienna, a merchant. Captain, and senior of the Rapid team. All-round player, who played 40 times in the Austrian national team in all positions with the exception of goalkeeper. Gernhardt is a very tough and energetic tackler as back or half-back, and a brilliant dribbler in the forward line.

GOLOBIC FRANZ (left half-back): Born in 1922 in Vienna, an employee of an insurance company. Excellent player, very fast and inexhaustible. Played 22 times in the Austrian team.

KAFFKA ROBERT (back, half-back): Born in Vienna in 1930. A good head player and enormous kick. Played three times in the Vienna city team.

GIESSER KARL (centre-half): Born in Vienna in 1929, a civil servant. A great player, with a very great action radius; excellent ball control, and a splendid marksman. Seven times in the Austrian team and a member of the Austrian World Championship team.

RIEGLER JOHANN (half-back, forward): Born in Vienna in 1929. Employed with an insurance company. Known for his "iron lungs"; he has an outstanding ball-control. Played 26 times in the National team, and a member of the World Championship team.

HANAPPI GERHARD (half-back) Born 1929, a student. Plays as left-back in the Austrian team, and was one of the most efficient players as left-back in the F.I.F.A. team. His dribbling is outstanding. Although playing mostly as half-back, he scored so many goals during the last Austrian championship that he ranges second in the list of the goal-getters. Played 56 times in the Austrian team, and all the matches of the Austrian team during the world championship in Berne.

This week's Spotter is on Page 9.

HALLA PAUL (right wing): Born 1931, a dentist. Very fast, eminent marksman, jumps very high when heading. From the Austrian province, Styria, he joined Rapid last year. He has played 12 times in the national team, and was a member of the world championship team.

KOERNER ROBERT (inside-right): Born 1924, an employee of the Provincial Government of Lower Austria. Excellent tactician and brain of the forward line. Nearly all goals scored by the forwards were fruits of his cunning and ideal centre-balls. 39 times in the Austrian team, and played all matches in the world championship team.

DIENST ROBERT (centre forward): Born 1928; employed with the Austrian National Bank. Strongly built, tall player, of extremely high shooting-power. Leading goalgetter of the Rapid team and of the Austrian State League. Played 40 times in the national team. Member of the world championship team of Austria.

PROBST ERICH (inside-left): Born 1927, an employee of the Austrian National Bank. Very fast and stern player, with great shooting-power. Good jumping and heading. Played all matches in the world championship, and notched six goals for the national team, for which he has played 34 times.

KOERNER AIFRED (left winger): Born in Vienna in 1926. Employee of the Provincial Government of Lower Austria. Excellent dribbling and ball-control with both legs. One of the most reliable players of the Austrian team, for which he has played 47 times.

MEHSAROSCH BRUNO (centre-forward): Born in Vienna in 1934, an electrician. Very good ball-control and dribbling. Played nine times as centre-forward in the Austrian youth team.

BILEK LOTHAR: Born 1932. Good ball-control, excellent play with head. Plays in all half-back positions.

EINERDER LEOPOLD: Born in Vienna in 1933. A very fast, good marksman.

VUGA ALFRED: Born in Vienna in 1935, an apprentice. Good ball-control and marksmanship. Usually plays right wing.

MADLMAYER ALFRED: Born in 1930. Very ambitious player, with great tenacity. Plays in all three positions of the half-back line.

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Len Young Says:

Chinese Were World Class, But Victoria Did Well

The first game against the Chinese team was, to me, a very useful one indeed. It brought home at first hand, in a very practical way, a large number of the points I've raised in these articles, and am pushing home in practical coaching.

Let's examine some of these before having a few words about the match itself.

- At least two players running into reachable positions of colleague with ball.
- The large proportion of one-touch football evident, in which only one kick at the ball is used to divert it to a colleague. This makes the only sure tackle by an opponent good anticipation.
- The through ball that is used only after flank-to-flank passes have been made to open up an otherwise solid defence.

These three skills, used constantly by any team, would automatically make it a first-class combination. If you add to them the necessary ball control and team understanding that is part and parcel of any club professional, it puts any eleven into world standards.

In view of all this, I state quite frankly that, having normal human feelings (some of my pupils may query this), more goals for, or fewer against, would have led to a feeling of elation in me.

Nevertheless, many pleasing factors were evident in the Victorian side.

There Were Opportunities

Early in the game proof was provided by the forward line that opportunities could be made. That these were not taken advantage of is a sign of weakness.

Dare I make some slight excuse? —A player who has been schooled to take advantage of these openings was not there, through no reason of anybody's, but just through the "luck of the game."

Again in the second half, we provided the majority of attacking moves; the number of balls cut back by Sid Thomas (a move practised almost to perfection), and the many very good crosses by Ralph Piercy, could have been turned to account.

Remember, too, that these attacking moves were made against a defence that was first class, make no mistake about that!

Defence Learned Quickly

The Victorian defence, after making certain tactical mistakes in the first half, learned their lesson to such an extent in the second half that the visitors had to really earn the one goal scored. This very fact augurs well for their future performances.

To sum up, considering the majority of the boys were meeting this class of Soccer for the first time, most of them came through with credit.

Now I want to answer a query I heard expressed by many people after the match, and it was this:—"Surely the sodden condition of the pitch was in Victoria's favor?"

This is utter nonsense. The ground itself was quite firm under the thick, well-grassed top, with a thin veneer of liquid mud just be-

low the grass. Even the centre of the ground, where lay the familiar sight of the black cricket pitch, was firm under a treacherous film of mud.

So we have what is known to Soccer followers at home as a skating surface, and a forwards' paradise.

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MORWELL WIN VALLEY PENNANT AGAIN

Morwell, with a brilliant "hat-trick" by centre-forward A. Guy, beat Moe United on Saturday to win the Latrobe Valley League Championship, in a most exciting match. The 3—1 defeat sealed Moe's last chance of snatching the championship from undefeated Morwell.

At the Hostel ground there was great jubilation when "wooden spooners," Red Triangle, scored in the first minute, and held on to defeat Sale United, who have had two wins and two draws in their last four matches.

After 10 consecutive defeats, Red Triangle's win is indeed a performance for the record, and a credit to the men responsible for the running of this club.

Close and even games were also seen at Yallourn, where the home team was beaten by Traralgon Tigers, and Morwell, where the Rangers beat Lurgi, both by the odd goal.

With the lower clubs improving, there are now no weak teams, and

results of cup and shield games will certainly be hard to forecast. With the exception of two postponed games, the 1955 league season is over. The clubs will be hard at training. The first round of the "Advertiser" Shield will be played on August 6.

Today's game: Morwell v. Moe United (postponed league game).

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August 13: Lurgi Rangers v. Morwell, Yallourn A v. Morwell Rangers, Moe United v. Sale United, Tigers v. Red Triangle.

Len Young Says (from page 5)

A Point for the Press

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I offer these explanations to sports writers in particular as an additional thought for them when writing their articles.

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TOMORROW:
Sunday, July 24th

J.U.S.T. V.

YALLOURN v. JUVENTUS

At Yallourn

(Not
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Ravagnan

Sabadussi
GuardianiNovaselich
Busidoni
KassaiBegnini
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Zavattier**SUNDAY'S CURTAIN-
RAISER****ENGLAND v. POLAND**(Not
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Czauderna
Jakubowski
Mazurek
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Iver, Sargent; Lamont, Garrett, Hodgson, Sullivan, Smith.v.
SUNSHINE CITY.—Boudrie; Smith, Winton; Currell, Whitmore, Stirl-
ing; Baker, Johnson, Baker, Sweeney, Docksey.**PARK RANGERS.**—(Not Notified).v.
SOUTH MELBOURNE. — Shepherd; Simpson, Neill; Coogan, Heyes,
Jays; Moulton, James, Denny, Senior, Elkins.**SLAVIA.**—From Kiss, Kriz, Roznetinsky, Zoul, Vleek, Kodak, Kotatko,
Slavik, Lachmann, Engelbogen, Dickson, Brenner.v.
SOUTH YARRA. — Campbell; Mitchell, Cullen; Grant, Sharp, Bain;
Boudrie, Harris, Wales, Wallace, Bolton.**MACCABI.**—(Not Notified).v.
PRAHRAN.—(Not Notified).**GEELONG.**—(Not Notified).v.
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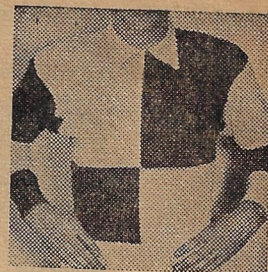


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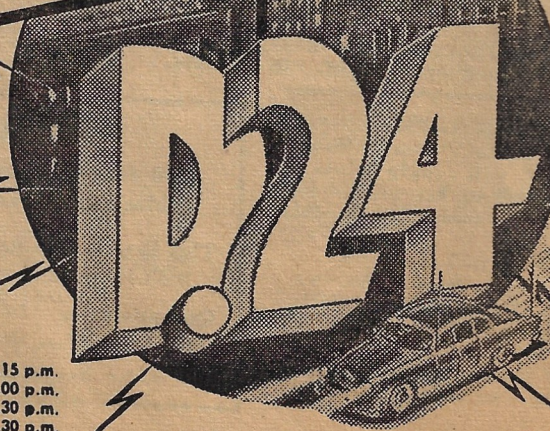
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The Victorian Soccer Referees' Association is finding it increasingly difficult to recruit prospective referees to supplement its inadequate numbers.

It is true that the referees' associations all over the world have a difficult task in trying to enrol new members, but here in Victoria we seem to be up against an almost impossible task.

At present, the association cannot possibly fulfil appointments for every match, with the consequence that every week games are played without official referees.

This state of affairs is very undesirable to all concerned, particularly to the clubs.

Why is it, then, that we have such difficulty? What are the obstacles we must overcome to make the job a little more attractive?

More Money First

First and foremost I would say increase the referees' fees in the top grades, not by just a few shillings, but make it a substantial one.

We would then get a keen, competitive outlook amongst referees who would strive to make the top grade. Most of all, this would be an extra incentive for intending referees.

This, in my opinion, will lead to a higher standard of refereeing generally, which is the ultimate aim of our association.

Few people will doubt that the clubs can afford such an increase in fees, with the spectators pouring in to see popular teams at the rate of 3/- a time.

Not Much Left

The present fee for a first division match is 30/-. Because of work or the distance and time involved, a referee may have to buy a meal and pay expensive travelling costs. This all comes out of his 30/-.

On occasions on which a referee is delayed, he may have to take a taxi. He pays for this, too.

Taken over the season, the weekly payments do not go far, when all expenses, including gear and association subscriptions, are taken out.

It is a fact that would-be referees have been staggered to learn of the paltry sum which constitutes their so-called "fee." It is not much inducement to take over a first division game, and we have lost many referees because of this.

Not Interested

During the past three seasons I have met several referees from England now living in Melbourne. They admitted frankly that they would not take on the job here for the present fee.

Why, then, is not something done about it? We were informed last season that increased fees had

been suggested by a member or members of the Soccer Council. The referees decided not to pursue the matter, as it appeared that the Council was prepared to review the situation and act accordingly on its own account.

When the present season started and nothing further had been said or done, the referees were disappointed, to say the least. Even with so much trouble on the fields this season, and the great shortage of referees, the Council has not mentioned the matter further.

In other words, two seasons are to elapse before the Council takes action on something it has itself suggested.

We hope that the Council will meet us at our request to discuss this matter, with a view to long-overdue action. If we are forced to continue in the present state, we shall continue to lose more and more referees.

Soccer will surely grow here in Australia, but it would grow much faster if the administrators energetically combatted everything which threatens the game. The game cannot be played without referees, and the matter of fees is one of the major obstacles in getting new recruits.

The longer a decision is delayed, the more damage is done, and the longer it takes to make that good again when the fees are put up, as they inevitably must be.

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LENTO PROCESSO

Le recenti sconfitte della squadra australiana negli incontri con la Cina del Sud sono state giustificate dalla maggioranza condue spiegazioni: in primo luogo una cattiva selezione e in secondo luogo mancanza di compattezza di giuoco e di collaborazione dei giuocatori in campo. Lasciando da parte la prima ragione (troppo banale e comune per essere presa in esame), bisogna riconoscere che c'e' del vero e del fondato nel secondo argomento. E' impossibile infatti pretendere un gioco compatto da elementi disparati, provenienti da differenti squadre, con differenti esperienze, con differenti tattiche. Occorrerebbe un certo periodo di allenamento prima di amalgamarsi completamente e dare un aspetto unitario, una formazione, una "tattica di squadra" ai giocatori. Che questo sia necessario prima di potere formulare delle speranze fondate su una squadra australiana lo ha dimostrato il fatto che il primo incontro internazionale a

Melbourne il mercoledi' scorso trovo' i giocatori dell' "Australia" disfatti, disuniti, confusi mentre nei susseguenti incontri si pote' verificare un certo spirito di unita', un controllo piu' evidente dell'intero gioco e una maggiore resistenza agli attacchi avversari. Una squadra di calcio non si improvvisa e si mette assieme come un fascio d'erbe differenti.

Malgrado la clamorosa sconfitta bisogna salvare pero' l'onore dei singoli giocatori, alcuni dei quali mostrarono delle brillanti quanto in utili qualita'. Presi separatamente o assieme alle squadre di provenienza hanno avuto degli indiscutibili meriti, superiori forse a quelli degli stessi singoli giocatori cinesi. Appunto per questa considerazione resto sempre fermo nell'idea che una squadra di prima divisione, Juventus o Footscray, avrebbe avuto, un maggior numero di

probabilita' di vittoria di quanto non ne abbia avuto la squadra australiana.

Una sola lezione hanno insegnata questi disastrosi incontri internazionali: che bisogna nel futuro sollecitare sempre piu' di frequente questi contatti con squadre di provata esperienza per studiare dove sono i nostri punti deboli nei loro confronti e porvi un lento, ma efficace rimedio.

"Joe" Plateo Engaged

Juventus club members are congratulating Giuseppe "Joe" Plateo on his engagement to Maria Carli, announced last Saturday.

Although Maria, who lives in North Fitzroy, has no association with the club, she is a keen follower of its fortunes—naturally.

There was a party on Saturday night, and many of the Italian boys were there.

Ceylon's Juniors Are "Big" Soccer

Colombo,
Ceylon,
July 10.

Highlight of this week-end's sport in Ceylon was the defeat of the touring Pakistan schoolboy Soccer team by the Ceylon combined schools' XI by two goals to nil.

A very large crowd saw the game, which featured one missed penalty and no less than three disallowed goals.

An interesting sidelight was the match—a schoolboy affair—was treated as the match of the day in Colombo, adult league games being played the next day.

The importance and standard of school Soccer in Ceylon is not under-estimated.

Teams from India have also made popular tours, and it is considered very probable that Ceylon's Olympic Games team will contain some of these young players.

HARRY WARD
(en route to England).

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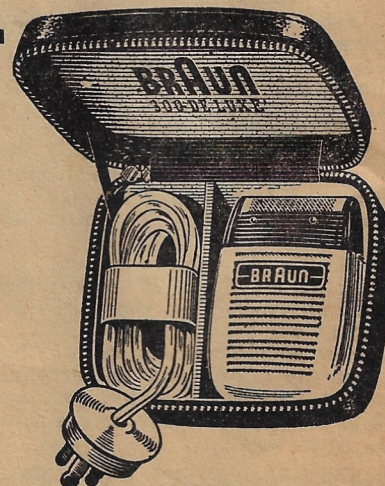
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From Spotter

I believe the banana boys from Queensland are a trifle high over the exclusion from the test team of some of its stars.

They claim that their representative will have to make a miraculous effort to gain even one place for a Queensland during the tests.

They have even gone as far as to throw out a challenge (I believe to us). I quote—

"For the benefit of our Southern friends, I would remind them that any time they wish we in Queensland are ready and willing to meet them here or in their own State. Make no error, we have a team here that will soon show you that your claims to supremacy are based on false ideas."

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We made International Soccer history during the tour of the English side in 1951. The highest score in an International game was recorded against us, 17—nil.

This year we are going to break another record; the Australians will have a Test team in action against an International side every Saturday, except one, in thirteen weeks. A record for any code of football.

Laidlaw Game Tomorrow

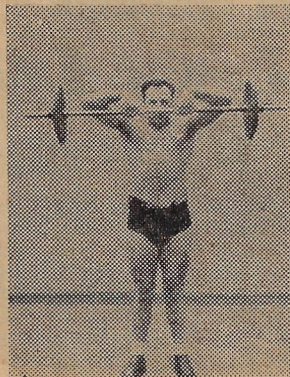
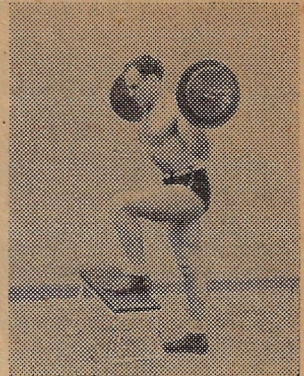
England and Poland will be seen in a replay of their Laidlaw Cup match at Toorak Park on Sunday. The game will be a curtain-raiser, starting at 1.30 p.m., to the J.U.S.T. - Footscray City game, which will follow.

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Peter McMahon declares Rejected Nomination, a Slight on L.V.

Dear Sir,

My appointment to the V.A.S.F.A. Council by the Latrobe Valley Association as their delegate has been found unacceptable by the Victorian Council. The Latrobe Valley clubs accepted my nomination, but the Victorian Council has given me no reasons for its rejection.

I can stand on my record to Soccer in the Latrobe Valley: In 1952 I was secretary of the R.A.A.F. East Sale Club, in 1953 secretary of the R.A.A.F. club until April, when I became Publicity Officer for Latrobe Valley and started a weekly radio Soccer session on Fridays, and travelled 100 miles to and from Morwell for league meetings.

Last year I was co-founder of Sale United Club, secretary for a few months, publicity officer for Latrobe Valley, and a member of both the council and league management committees. This meant travelling up to 200 and 300 miles many weekends to gain publicity for Soccer. This year I am unattached to any club, and have assisted with the sale of "Soccer News."

Not Playing the Game

The council is loud in its protests when the Victorian Football League does not give a ground for Soccer, because school-teachers cannot travel inter-State with boys, and pleads for tolerance for Soccer on the ground that there is room enough for our game as well as Australian Rules.

But does the V.A.S.F.A. Council feel that in refusing to accept a Latrobe Valley delegate to the council it is playing the game? Soccer in Victoria is their responsibility. The Latrobe Valley is affiliated to the V.A.S.F.A., but they are not getting the assistance they should.

If the council believes it rules Soccer in Victoria, as it claims, it must allow the country teams a voice. A delegate who knows their needs and wants, and is not prepared to be silenced, must have a voice in their decisions. The Latrobe Valley clubs are entitled to a fair go, and not to be abused because they are poor and so far from Melbourne.

What About a Game?

On Queen's Birthday the Latrobe Valley had a ground booked for a game against a Metropolitan XI, but the game was not played.

Mr. Thomas, chairman of the council, should have as his aim the

advancement of Soccer in Victoria, not only Melbourne. The country association should be given a chance to forge ahead.

Next Saturday the Latrobe Valley has a free day from games to allow players to come to see Austria play. It is still not too late to ask for a team to represent the Valley to play a Melbourne XI.

What better proof than such a game that the V.A.S.F.A. has Soccer's interests at heart?

A 'phone call to Morwell 2449, to Frank McIver, would be a move for better relations between Latrobe Valley and the V.A.S.F.A.

PETER McMAHON,
Elected L.V. delegate to the
V.A.S.F.A.

Kevin Lott says

Let's Learn as we Watch the Tests

The object of a game of Soccer is to score more goals than your opponents, and although for this purpose you are not allowed to have more than eleven players on your side, the way in which you distribute them is, with the exception of the goal-keeper, no concern of the laws of the game.

Today in Victoria we find ourselves well behind the tactical times of football. It is worth noting that it is only since the Association showed a bit of initiative and secured the services of Mr. Len Young that we have given much thought to tactics.

Football here was at a dead-end until Len brought to us the real position of overseas Soccer and its improvements.

To play and win meant to have the best team of individualists.

We have a golden opportunity to study the tactical side of our code with the visits of South China, South Africa and Rapid.

If we go to these games to study their form of attack and defence, we will find that we are way behind tactically.

To ask a selection committee to choose two players as centre-forwards, or to play another as an attacking half, would create a stir

that would convince even the asker that he was mad.

Yet it has to come. Perhaps we might some day convince our club selectors of the reason we want Tom Jones in the team.

Those of us who have completed Len's coaching class can appreciate the position more so than those who have not. For it has only been through his eyes that we have learned to see the differences in our game from that played by our visitors.

It is to be hoped that in time not only those coaches, but club selectors as well, will see the light.

A few years ago Mr. Thomas took most of Brighton's first team away touring New Zealand as the Kangaroos. Tom Jack, Brighton's captain-coach, was left with what was considered a mediocre reserve team, yet with a bit of talking and a lot of listening he changed the position overnight. That reserve team went on to fight out the Dockerty Cup with J.U.S.T.

To those good people who will see the International games this season, I say don't be too critical when all is not as it should be with us.

We will improve in time—not so long a time—if we give thought to Len and his coaching.

Gippsland Juniors Here Next Week

All under-14 clubs please note that all games for next Saturday, July 30, are cancelled. On that date the Gippsland Association will bring down their under-14, -15 and -17 teams to play the metropolitan teams for challenge cups.

This year the under-14 and -15 games are to be played at Fawkner Park, and the under-17 as the curtain-raiser to the Test game between Australia and Rapid.

These games take place every year, and this season it is Yallourn's turn to do the visiting. Last year the Yallourn boys took the under-14 cup and Melbourne won the under-15 and -17.

We understand the standard of junior Soccer in Gippsland this year is higher than ever, so good games are expected.

State Team

The following boys have been selected for the under-14 team:—Goalkeeper, Foster (Brighton), right-back, Feeley (Wanderers);

left-back, Horst (Pascoe Vale); right-half, Farrell (Fairfield); centre-half, Scott (Brighton); left-half, N. Becker (Polonia); outside-right, Bedford (South Yarra); inside-right, Keys (Box Hill); centre forward, K. Smith (Brighton); inside-left, D. Jordon (South Melbourne); outside - left, Dryden (Pascoe Vale). Reserves: R. Becker, Kollaritsch (Polonia).

Congratulations to these boys, and to the ones who missed out. Better luck next time.

With only one league round to go, the final fours are all pretty well decided, and the dates for the knock-out rounds will be decided at the next meeting, when it is clearly known what neutral ground can be used.

The only final four yet undecided is in the under-14 section, where Box Hill and Pascoe Vale are equal top on points, and Fairfield and Polonia are level for the third position.

Goal average does not count, so this week's games may bring a change, although those top teams have all easy games.

Polonia are to be congratulated, having come into the season late, and lost only one game, and that by one goal only.

The next meeting for all delegates will be on Wednesday next, July 27, at 7.30, at Scotts Hotel. At this meeting the final fours will be announced.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUVENTUS	13	11	1	1	36	8	23
POLONIA	13	9	3	1	36	18	21
BRIGHTON	13	7	2	4	30	25	16
HAKOAH	13	6	2	5	39	25	14
MORELAND	13	6	2	5	20	17	14
BOX HILL	13	5	1	7	14	35	11
J.U.S.T.	13	4	2	7	28	29	10
FOOTSCRAY CITY	13	3	3	7	15	31	9
GEORGE CROSS	13	3	2	8	23	38	8
YALLOURN	13	1	2	10	17	32	4

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Slavia	13	13	0	0	64	21	26
Prahran	13	11	1	1	61	20	23
Sth. Melb. U.	13	7	1	5	45	30	15
Vic. Colts	13	7	1	5	37	37	15
Sunshine C.	12	5	2	5	19	31	12
Maccabi	13	3	3	7	27	45	9
Park Rangers	13	3	2	8	29	49	8
South Yarra	13	2	3	8	20	30	7
Preston	12	3	1	8	23	47	7
Geelong	13	2	2	9	17	32	6

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wilhelmina	13	13	0	0	88	9	26
Hellenic	12	10	1	1	61	14	21
Sandringham, C.	13	8	3	2	40	17	19
Dandenong Rov.	13	7	1	5	41	42	15
Richmond	13	6	1	6	35	32	13
Sunshine Utd.	13	6	1	6	35	38	13
Williamstown	12	5	2	5	31	26	12
Frankston	13	2	1	10	15	51	5
Moorabbin, C.	13	2	0	11	21	71	4
F.N.D.	13	0	0	13	15	82	0

FIRST INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	13	11	0	2	46	10	22
Polonia	13	9	1	3	41	31	19
Brighton	13	7	2	4	32	22	16
Footscray City	13	6	2	5	29	29	14
Hakoah	12	5	3	4	25	19	13
Moreland	13	5	2	6	27	36	12
Box Hill	12	5	0	7	26	31	10
J.U.S.T.	12	3	1	8	21	27	7
Yallourn	12	2	3	7	12	26	7
George Cross	13	3	1	9	13	42	6

SECOND INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine City	13	10	2	1	46	11	22
South Yarra	13	9	0	4	36	29	18
South Melb.	13	8	1	4	46	27	17
Slavia	13	7	1	5	40	31	15
Geelong	13	6	0	7	23	20	12
Wilhelmina	13	6	0	7	23	29	12
Prahran	13	5	1	7	34	49	11
Preston	12	4	0	9	19	35	8
Maccabi	13	4	0	9	18	38	8
Park Rangers	13	2	1	10	28	51	5

METROPOLITAN NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions	12	10	1	1	41	11	21
Coburg	12	7	4	1	44	14	18
University	12	8	1	3	31	21	17
Fairfield	11	7	1	3	26	7	15
U.Y.D.	11	6	0	4	18	19	12
Bayswater	11	4	0	7	30	35	8
Heidelberg	11	2	1	8	12	42	5
St. Kilda	11	2	0	9	11	25	4
I.C.I.	11	1	2	8	16	46	4

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brunswick	8	7	0	1	31	13	14
Croatia	8	6	0	2	32	15	12
Yarra Park	8	5	1	2	20	19	11
Port Melb.	9	5	0	4	19	14	10
Rosebud	8	3	1	4	18	29	7
St. Albans	7	3	0	4	13	17	6

LATROBE VALLEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Morwell	13	12	1	0	71	9	25
Moe Utd.	12	9	2	1	46	9	20
Tigers	14	6	5	3	38	30	17
Yallourn A.	14	6	2	6	38	44	14
Sale Utd.	14	4	3	7	24	42	11
Lurgi Ran.	14	4	1	9	23	41	9
Morwell Ran.	13	2	2	9	19	37	6
Red Triangle	14	2	2	10	18	65	6

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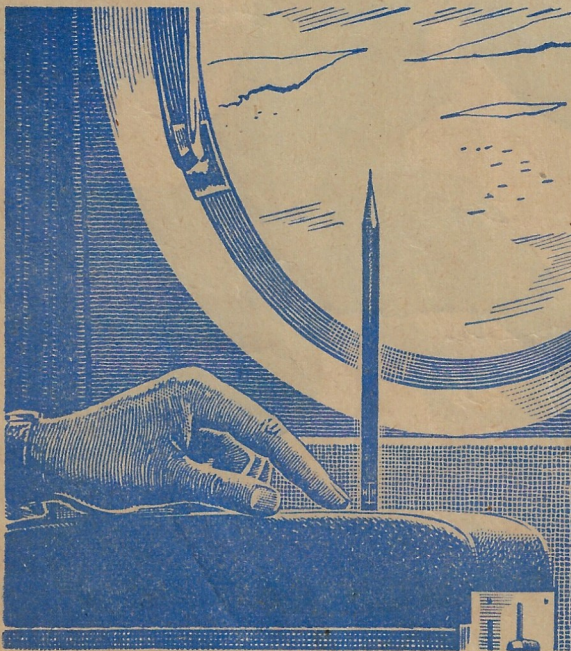
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